

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, April 14, 2015  
Council Chambers, Beck Municipal Building

**Minutes**

**Present:** J. Armstrong, P. Barry, J. Coite, C. Devecchis (4:25 pm), M. Gilbert, S. Kegler, A. Kuegler (4:25 pm), E. Paterson, H. Rhynhart, M. Sargeant (4:25 pm), N. Silander

**Staff:** L. Painter, C. van Zelm (*MDP*); B. Wood, E. McHugh; Lt. A. Fournier

Meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Paterson.

**1. Meeting Minutes**

a. Coite MOVED, Rhynhart seconded approval of the March 10, 2015 minutes as presented. The motion PASSED unanimously.

**2. Depot Campus Redevelopment**

Beverly Wood, Director of University Planning, presented an overview of a proposed market/feasibility study for redevelopment of the Depot Campus as a “Live-Work-Learn” community. She distributed handouts identifying goals for the Depot Campus, a summary of the proposed RFP and the draft scope for the study. Questions were asked with regard to the type of housing and commercial uses being contemplated, types of non-residential development, the potential extent of building demolition and how the Town would be involved in the market/feasibility study. Wood noted that they are hoping to have the study completed by the fall of 2015.

**3. UConn Spring Weekend.** Spring Weekend is scheduled for April 23 through 25<sup>th</sup> with similar programming to last year. Rhynhart distributed a copy of Spring Weekend Policies including parking restrictions and guests in dormitories. Dagon noted that the Town is taking a similar approach to staffing as in 2014 and will be coordinating closely with UConn Police and Fire. Questions were asked with regard to publication/notice of garage parking policies for the weekend.

**4. Updates:**

a. *Mansfield Tomorrow.* Painter updated the committee on the public hearing process and advised the committee of the extension of the public comment period to May 18, 2015.

b. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership.* van Zelm provided an update on completion of the Town Square over the next three weeks; a public ribbon cutting is scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup> with a concert on the stage. The Oaks is 88% leased for all nine buildings for the next year. Bliss, a vintage clothing store from Willimantic, will be opening a second location in Storrs Center. The public hearing for Phase 3, Main Street Homes, is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

c. *USG.* Kuegler updated the committee on UConn’s day at the Capitol which included and noted that Devecchis and Sergeant will be graduating in May. Paterson commended them for their participation in the committee and urged that USG continue to actively participate in the future. USG is hosting a family movie night will be shown on the great lawn Saturday, April

18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.; the feature movie is *Paddington*. Students are interested in participating in Rid Litter day; however, timing is difficult due to finals week.

d. *MCCP*. Armstrong, Cournoyer and Debus have been doing outreach with all properties that had issues in the fall. Next meeting is Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

## **5. Other Business**

Coite updated the committee on the North Hillside Road project. The Route 44 entrance will be gated to ensure no inadvertent traffic prior to official opening; significant construction is expected at the Route 44 intersection over the summer. The road is on schedule for opening in November 2015.

Paterson updated the committee on the initiative to clean up voting rolls, including the submission of ideas from the USG including:

- Legality of purging voters with residence hall addresses after a specified period of time since these are not permanent addresses.
- Adding changing voter registration as part of graduation checklists.
- Including reminder in the registrars system as part of application to graduate.
- Adding a waiver to the student administration system where UConn could contact voter registration to remove from list upon graduation unless otherwise specified.
- Providing a form at time of picking up graduation tickets.
- Potential for providing an on-line form for removal from voter registration lists.

This item will be on the agenda for the next meeting and the voter registrar will be invited to attend.

## **5. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda M. Painter, AICP, Director of Planning and Development  
Town of Mansfield